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Menendez mistrial: One jury locks up

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A mistrial was declared Thursday in the trial of Erik Menendez when his jury could not decide if it was premeditated murder or self-defense when he and his brother killed their wealthy parents in 1989.

Erik's jury said it was hopelessly deadlocked despite efforts by Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg to encourage agreement among the panelists.

The jury deliberating charges against Erik's brother Lyle continued its talks after asking the court for more help with legal instructions.

The mistrial came in the 19th day of deliberations by Erik's jury.

Erik was grim-faced as he sat with his shoulder touching that of his lawyer, Leslie Abramson. She said moments earlier outside the courtroom that he was "very upset" and would

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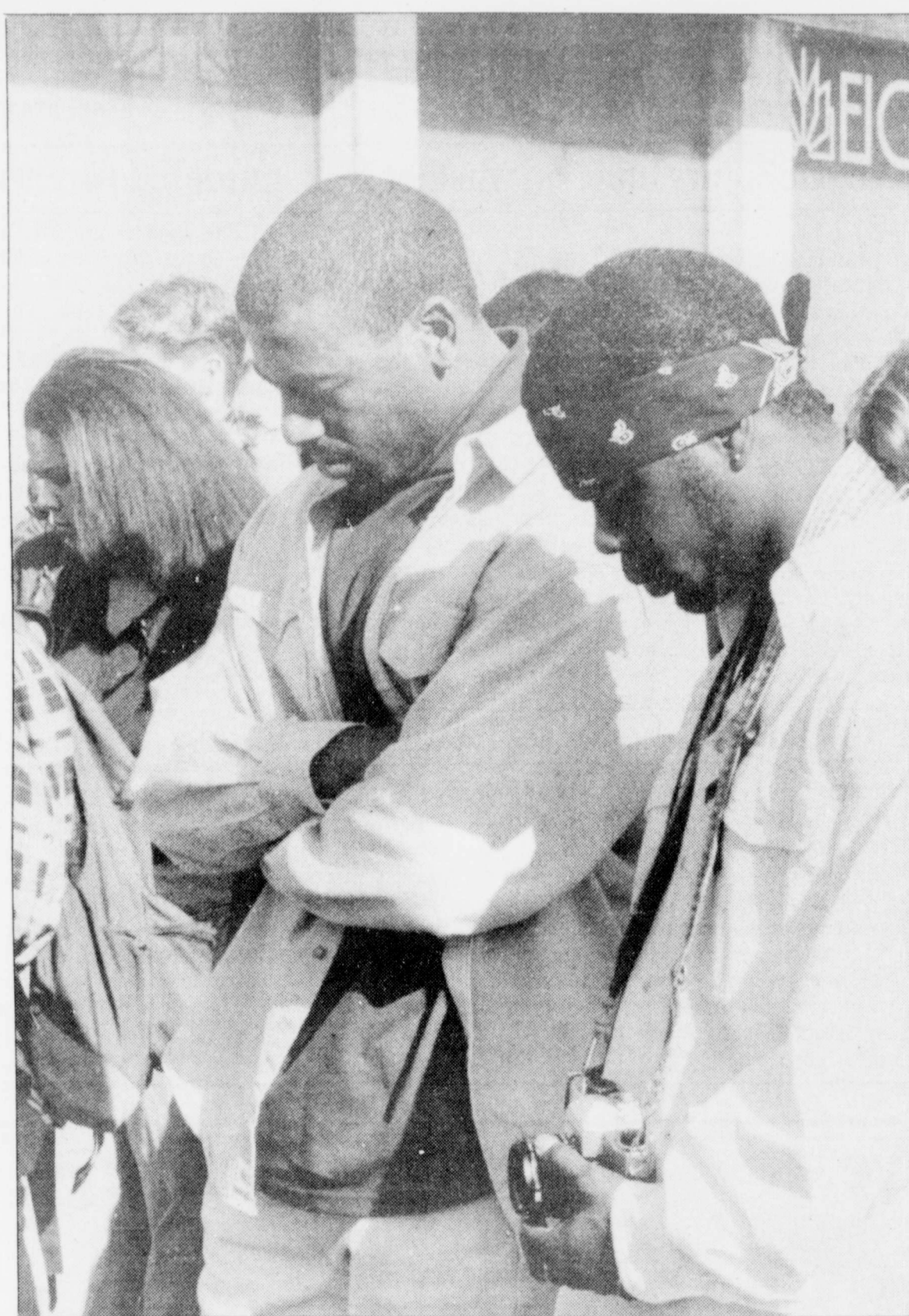
One arrested as plot thickens in skater beating

By David Foster
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Arrest warrants were issued in the attack on Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan, authorities said Thursday. ABC News reported that a second person confessed to the plot, said to involve rival Tonya Harding's ex-husband and bodyguard.

The FBI arrested a man at Portland Airport on a flight from Phoenix; Port of Portland spokesman Doug Roberts refused to give any details about him. ABC identified the man as Derrick Smith of Phoenix, and said he was involved in the alleged conspiracy to injure Kerrigan.

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Electrical engineering junior Tyron Grey (left) and architectural engineering junior John Scott pray at a Thursday service honoring King / Daily photo by Cari LaZansky

Remembering a King

Marchers call for campus to address African-American issues

By Pamela Slaughter
Daily Staff Writer

A crowd of more than 150 marched to the beat of drums up South Perimeter Road to the University Union on Thursday for a program honoring the late civil rights leader, Martin Luther King Jr.

The event, planned by the African-American Student Union, offered a chance for participants to reflect on King and to think about their own lives.

"I'm out here to learn more and become more socially aware," said biology senior Jeff Sloneker.

The marchers — many of whom wore green, black and red ribbons to symbolize land, people and bloodshed — were smiling and holding hands. Many said they were there to address African-American issues.

"I'm out here because black and minority issues are not addressed on this campus enough," said Ashanti Branch, a civil engineering sophomore and member of the African-American fraternity Phi Beta Sigma. "In order to show that minorities are important, we need to address the issues."

Another participant in the march came out to reflect on the civil rights era — something he said he remembers all too well.

"I was one of the real ones," said Henry

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Red ink trips first-ever ASI hiring freeze

Children's Center mired in debt; official disappointed by slow start

By Lisa M. Hansen
Daily Staff Writer

Massive debts incurred by the ASI Children's Center are forcing an ASI-wide hiring freeze on virtually all open positions, the Board of Directors was told Wednesday night.

The freeze — which currently affects three ASI positions — gives officials the chance to bail out the ailing center, which is \$123,000 in debt.

"The Children's Center is a great program," Vice President for Finance Shawn Reeves told the board. "But it could be the most heavily subsidized student program if we're not careful."

Center Director Haila Hafley on Thursday explained the reason for the debt.

"The costs to run the new facility were more than expected," she said. "We're also not bringing in enough parents' fees to meet the costs."

The center currently has 137 children enrolled, although it is supposed to have a capacity of 132. The reason for the variance is because many of the children are only there part-time, according to Finance Director Jim Towles.

The main funding deficit is because the kindergarten class offered by the center is only half-full, Towles added.

"The program has not gotten off the ground as quickly as we would have liked," he said on Thursday.

The center opened in September 1992. The accounting firm of Glenn Burdette, Phillips and Bryson projected the center would have a debt of \$97,221 its first year of operation, Towles said.

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Battle brewing over Poly's calendar

By Lisa M. Hansen
and Silas Lyons
Daily Staff

Cal Poly President Warren Baker wants to see a decision on the school's calendar system by the end of this month, administrators said Wednesday.

That has some ASI officials wondering if students are going to have a say in which system the school will use.

Baker has openly expressed support for a trimester system, while students polled informally by the Daily last spring stood solidly behind quarters.

Although the Academic Senate has final authority on whether the university will keep its quarter system or switch to trimesters, ASI began discussion Wednesday on a resolution in support of the quarter system.

The intense half-hour debate yielded nothing but disgruntled representatives who asked for more time to discuss the issue with their constituencies.

In any case, ASI will need to come to a conclusion before Jan. 25, according to Baker.

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Aspin allows more room for women in military

By Susanne M. Schafer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin moved Thursday to help open up more ground combat jobs for female soldiers, saying expanding opportunities for women in the modern military "is right, and it's smart."

The step is perhaps the final major act in Aspin's yearlong tenure, which has been marked by his efforts to expand opportunities for women. Last April, he moved to help open combat aviation jobs and warship assignments to females.

Aspin announced that the "risk rule" that had prevented women from

serving in many combat jobs will be lifted as of Oct. 1.

The rule had barred women from non-combat units where the risk was as great as that in combat units.

Since women now can serve in combat aircraft and on Navy combat ships, Aspin said, "this rule has been overtaken by events."

"We've made historic progress in opening up opportunities for women in all of the services. Expanding roles for women in the military is right, and it's smart," Aspin said. "It allows us to assign the most qualified individual to each military job."

Besides lifting the risk rule, Aspin also issued a new policy that

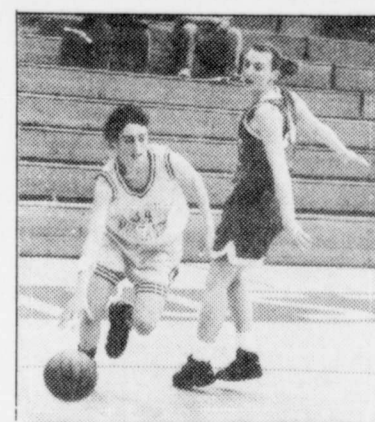
redefines ground combat.

Under the new definition, women will not serve in ground units that "engage the enemy on the ground with weapons ... are exposed to hostile fire ... and have a high probability of direct physical contact with the personnel of a hostile force," Aspin said.

The change has the effect of narrowing the definition of ground combat, and thereby removing obstacles to expanded service for women in some areas, such as fuel or transportation units and engineering jobs.

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AGENDA

JAN. 14

FRIDAY

44 school days remaining in winter quarter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Mostly sunny; variable winds 15 mph.

Expected high/low: 74 / 41 **Thursday's high/low:** 75 / 42

TODAY

- Last day to drop classes
- Last day to sign-up for Jan. 22 Writing Proficiency Exam
- Adult Children of Alcoholics 12-step program, every Friday, 8:10 a.m. in the Health Center lower level info: 756-5252
- Spring Open House Oversight Committee meeting, U.U. 216, 2 p.m. — open to public

WEEKEND

- Long weekend: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday Monday

MONDAY

- Velo SLO Bike Club informational meeting, Jan. 17, Great Pepperoni restaurant, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY

- No Mustang Daily
- Writing Skills workshops — Jan. 18:
- "Writing In-class Essays" — 11 a.m., Room 10-111
- "Writing Short-answer Exams" — 11 a.m., Room 10-115
- Academic Senate meeting, 3 p.m. — U.U. 220
- ASI Outings Committee Leadership workshop, 5:15 p.m. — U.U. 204
- Asi Outings Committee meeting, 7 p.m. — U.U. 220
- Financial aid workshop, Jan 18, Arroyo Grande High School, Room 100, 7 p.m.
- San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors meeting, 8:30 p.m. — Board Chambers, County Government Center
- Last day to add classes — Jan. 18
- Last day to register for winter term and pay fees — Jan. 18

Agenda Items: c/o Mustang Daily, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Fax: 756-6784

SKATER: Anonymous caller tips off FBI in Oregon; names four suspects in attack

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The network also described a Portland man, Steve Stant, as the alleged hit man who carried out the attack on Kerrigan at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Detroit on Jan. 6.

The assailant escaped after breaking the glass out of a locked arena door.

In Detroit, deputy police chief Benny Napoleon said "warrants have been issued," but he did not specify the number of warrants or who had been named. Portland authorities refused to confirm that warrants had been issued but said they expected to make arrests Thursday on conspiracy charges.

Earlier Thursday, Boston TV station WCVB reported that warrants were issued in Portland for Harding's ex-husband, Jeff Gillooly; bodyguard Shawn Eric Eckardt; Smith; and Stant.

The station also reported Harding was named in the warrants, but authorities in Portland and Detroit denied that.

Eckardt told authorities that Gillooly asked him to arrange the attack, The Oregonian newspaper reported Thursday, citing unidentified law enforcement sources. Harding and Gillooly were divorced Aug. 28, but later reconciled and have lived together since October.

MENENDEZ: Jury hung on whether Erik murdered parents or defended himself

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have preferred a verdict.

The defendant appeared to look straight ahead as the mistrial was announced and the judge thanked the jury for nearly a half-year of service.

"You've made great sacrifices to be here," the judge said before dismissing the panelists.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti had already said that the case would be retried if there was a mistrial.

Erik, 23, and his brother, Lyle, 26, admit killing parents Jose and Kitty Menendez in their Beverly Hills mansion on Aug. 20, 1989, but claim it was self-defense.

Earlier in the day the jury sent a note to the judge saying that members' strong opinions had become "even more entrenched" as they tried harder for verdicts.

"The jury feels there is no possibility of reaching a verdict or verdicts without violence to our individual judgments," a note from the jury foreman said.

The courtroom was packed and silent when the six women and six men of Erik's jury returned. They, too, appeared grim as their foreman confirmed there was no hope of agreement. They first reported a deadlock on Monday.

The judge ordered Erik's jurors not to talk to reporters until after Lyle's panel was discharged.

"We still have the other jury deliberating and I'm trying to insulate them from whatever views you may have in this case," Weisberg said.

He took the unusual step of having the foreman write down the numerical split of the jury on its decisions rather than announcing it in open court. He said that split could affect the outcome of Lyle's case.

After receiving the day's initial note of a continuing deadlock, Weisberg sent Erik's panel back to the deliberation room with a new set of verdict forms seeking more information on how the jury stood on the various counts.

KING: Marchers honor slain civil rights leader; call for discussion of race issues

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Hall, who attended Cal Poly in 1978.

"In 1956, when I was six years old," he said, "I went to a restaurant with my uncle, who was an activist in college with Jesse Jackson. It was a bad scene. The people at the restaurant poured mustard on my head and spat on me."

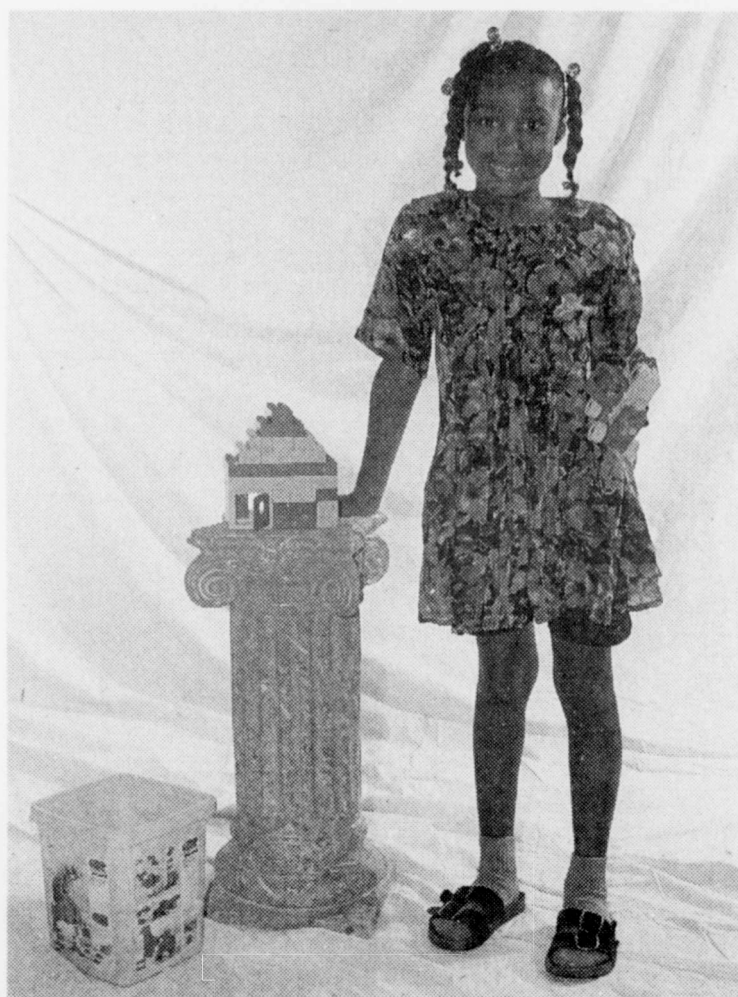
Ceremonies in the U.U. included several poems, songs and speeches — including one by a Cal Poly student whose friend recently was murdered on a street in Los Angeles.

"We should learn to co-exist as people," said AASU member Jerry Burge. "Those of us who realize it takes less energy to love than it does to hate should work together."

Keynote speaker Brooks Johnson — who also serves as Cal Poly's track and cross country coach — spoke on living during the civil rights era and finding a future for America's underrepresented youth.

"It takes \$5,000 a year to keep a young person in school," Brooks said. "It takes \$35,000 a year to keep a young person in jail."

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Alleged bike thief nabbed

A Bakersfield man was arrested Wednesday afternoon while attempting to steal a bicycle across from Yosemite Hall.

University Police reported that Robert O. Quory, 28, was stopped by Investigator Ray Berrett at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Barrett said he discovered Quory attempting to break a bicycle's cable lock with bolt cutters. Quory — who is not a Cal Poly student — was arrested and booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail on misdemeanor charges of attempted theft and possession of burglary tools. It is not known why Quory was at Cal Poly or in San Luis Obispo.

Barrett said Quory has another case already pending in San Luis Obispo Municipal Court. That case also relates to an attempted bicycle theft in November 1993.

— Len Arends

Alleged library deviant's court action postponed

A trial-setting conference for David P. Lawler — the man charged with lewd acts in Kennedy Library fall quarter — was postponed on Monday.

Lawler, 41, of Santa Maria, pleaded not guilty on Dec. 28 to charges of attempted sexual battery and knowingly molesting and annoying students.

The charges come after three November incidents when Lawler allegedly sniffed women's buttocks while they sat studying in the library.

Due to the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday, the Daily will not publish a Tuesday edition next week. We'll return to newsstands Wednesday.

ON CAMPUS DINING GUIDE

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Dinner 4:30pm-7:30pm (Fri-Sun)

BALCONY EXPRESS

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Mon-Fri: 7:00am to 1:00pm

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THE CELLAR

Located in the Dexter building. Everything from candy bars or sandwiches to fresh brewed coffee. The Cellar has an attractive seating area that offers you 24 hour a day hospitality. The lunch window offers soups, hot dogs, salads and chili. Other vending locations include all the Residence Halls, Engineering building, Health Center and Business building.

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Vending Machines: 24 hours

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Mon-Thur Lunch: 11am-1:30pm
Dinner: 4:30pm-7:30pm Late Nite: 8pm-10pm

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TAPANGO'S

Located between Kennedy Library & Dexter bldg. Express Mexican Cuisine, value priced for a great on-the-go meal. Cinnamon rolls, coffee, orange juice and milk available for breakfast. Tacos, burritos, rice, beans and soft drinks at lunch. Weekdays:

Breakfast: 7:45am-10am Lunch: 10:30am-2:30pm

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Joe
RIPPEarnest words
about nothing

Hi, my name is Joe, and I'll be your columnist today. Just thought some kind of introduction was in order since we don't really know each other. And this is such and intimate circumstance in which we find ourselves; I mean I'm right there between your arms, or God forbid, resting in your lap. Besides, this experience won't be any good for either of us until we're sure we trust each other.

So what shall we chat about? At this point we could go just about wherever the spirit takes us. Isn't the wide-openness, the utterly limitless scope of it all just thrilling? It just takes my breath away, let me tell you.

OK. Maybe I'm not fooling anyone.

The truth is that today's column is not exactly about anything. You might, if you are in a particularly cynical state of mind, even go so far as to say this piece is about nothing.

But think of it this way: If I come out here and clean up that pesky state budget thing right off the bat, where will I go from there? Besides, beyond the immediate repercussions to my piggy bank, I don't even care about the budget. If you're disappointed in my lack of ambition so far, I'll give you my mom's phone number so you two can commiserate, maybe get together for bridge some time.

Now think about it this way: you didn't exactly pay for this paper did you? That old Mustang Daily subscription cost, might wash on the itemized list of school expenses you submit to the folks, but we know better, don't we?

Better yet, let's look at it this way: Once you recycle this paper, it will be as if we'd never had this conversation. We'll just block it out of our memories and half-nervously avoid each other's eyes the next time we meet. No problem.

But this aimlessness is exactly the appeal to columnneering, as opposed to, say, writing some bastard term paper. Not only am I able to *italicize at will* (and I assure you I intend to utilize this option *most liberally*), but thematic unity can take a back seat to ... how should I put it? ... *mood*.

Mood is good. Normally when you read something in a newspaper like the New York Times or the Mustang Daily, you can't really tell what the author is about (hell, it has something to do with "objectivity" — don't ask me). It's kind of a novel idea really, to be a journalist. Think about *that* — working for years to hone the ability to write as unobtrusively as possible.

But here, we can say whatever we like in the few column inches I'll call home for the next quarter. I guess that's the freedom we gain by lurking in the page labeled Opinion. And who knows? Occasionally a real opinion might insinuate itself into my good graces and, so long as it's unburdened by lots of annoying facts, it might find its way into print.

Nasty business, facts.

But then that's the beauty of it you see, because we can always fall back on, "well, I was really in the *mood* to refer to Governor Wilson as a weasel. No, I didn't actually study him from a zoological standpoint. Nevertheless, I definitely *feel* that a member of the weasel family — a ferret, for example — could get work as his stunt double.

We'll just leave the facts to our colleagues on other pages and call a weasel a weasel. And in future columns, we'll actually discuss subjects, topics, even themes if my certification comes through from the Union.

But I suppose I digress from today's matter, which remains to be *nothing*.

So we're back where we began. I hope this little talk has helped us figure out where we stand. Heck, next week you just go ahead and spread me out wherever you're comfortable and I'll do my best to keep up.

• Joe Ripp was the Opinion editor of the Summer Mustang in 1993.

COMMENTARY



Mexico: One country, two worlds

By Pedro Arroyo

The recent peasant uprising in the Southern Mexican state of Chiapas has drawn national attention to the problems that indigenous people have faced in Mexico for a long time.

The demands that are being made by the rebels are basic. They demand *tierra y libertad* (land and liberty). These were also the basic ideals fought for almost 80 years ago by Emiliano Zapata and Francisco "Pancho" Villa during the Mexican Revolution.

However, it seems little has changed for the indigenous people of Chiapas. The people in this area have long been denied land, a decent working wage, human living conditions, respect and social equality.

The recent rebellion comes as no surprise. Chiapas is the poorest and most economically depressed state in the union. The rebellion is a reaction to Mexico's unclear and undefined social and economic policies toward the Indian population over the last 60 years.

After the Mexican Revolution of 1910, the country's policy toward Indians took a radical turn under the administration of President Lazaro Cardenas. His policy toward Indians was one of mutual respect and cooperation. Cardenas, who is part Indian, was one of the first presidents to give Indians the lands they needed.

However, his was one of the last administrations to consider Indians as an integral part of Mexican society. Most administrations dealt with the Indians only on a superficial level.

A recent example is the administration of President Luis Acheverria. He considered himself a counterpart of Cardenas and did little for the Indian populations of the country. Acheverria went so far as to redecorate his elaborate home with Indian rugs and native pottery, but this was as far as his relationship went with the indigenous population.

The government under the present leadership of President Carlos Salinas De Gortari has invested millions of dollars in his Solidaridad (Solidarity) program.

Part of his program places emphasis on public works in order to provide running water, electricity, roads and schools for those areas without these basic services.

However, we have to ask what has happened in Chiapas. Chiapas is still a largely impoverished state,

where a third of the population is illiterate and a large portion of the Indian population never benefited from improvement programs.

This reality is painfully obvious when one looks at the surroundings and at the faces of Chiapanecos. The Mexican government claims that Chiapas has not been neglected. In fact, it claims Chiapas received a large amount of money in aid last year for social programs.

However, in Mexico it is not an uncommon practice for large funds of money allocated for public works to disappear at the hands of corrupt politicians.

President Salinas has worked hard to improve the image of Mexico as that of a democratically and economically viable country — a country that respects, cares and treats its people with dignity.

But recent events have shattered this fabricated image — an image that never quite existed for Indians in Mexico. The last two weeks have showed people that the Mexican government has two faces.

Two very different worlds exist in Mexico. One Mexico has modernized, progressed and profited economically over the last 10 years. The other Mexico is one that has been left behind economically and forgotten by progress — an indigenous, marginalized Mexico that continues to struggle to gain basic human rights.

The government has ignored its Indian population, but it cannot continue to do so. Mexican society must also change its attitude toward the native population.

Most Mexicans are happy not to be Indians, and squirm at the idea of even being called one. Yet, the Mexican society has always prided itself on its indigenous past and the achievements that ancient societies made.

What would Mexico be without the pyramids, the calendar of the sun and its indigenous art? Mexicans take pride in their past, but seem to have little concern about the current conditions of the Indians.

My father, who has lived and traveled throughout Chiapas says the Mexican government and society do not care about the Indians because they remind Mexicans of who they really are.

• Pedro Arroyo is a political science senior.

LETTERS

I'm AK, and not ashamed

Re: "A loaded debate," Mustang Daily, 1/12

I was very interested to read "A loaded debate," about a Cal Poly student who enjoyed shooting what was labeled an "AK-47."

I also have a semi-automatic AK-47. I'm not ashamed of it. I like it. It is legally registered. I take it to the rifle range once in a while and I think there are legitimate, and even important, reasons why some people should own and shoot semi-automatic versions of military weapons.

To those of us who know the semi-automatic version of the AK-47, the propaganda directed against these rifles is almost entirely unfounded. I wish we had an AK-47 club on campus.

Most of us have seen the high-pitched and anti-firearms stories on TV, heard the semi-automatic AK-47 described as an "assault rifle" and heard the shrill statement repeatedly made that, "there is no sporting purpose for someone owning an AK-47."

All of these media stories are lies — lies, not distortions, not opinions, but lies — lies that somebody who's not familiar with firearms might believe because he or

she doesn't know any better.

The simplest thing to understand about the semi-AK is that it is not an assault rifle. An assault rifle is a fully-automatic weapon. This may be difficult to appreciate until one actually fires a semi-AK.

I know, this doesn't sound like much of a distinction, but it is. For example, we all remember the Patrick Purdy incident in 1989, when a psycho took a semi-AK onto a school playground and began shooting at school children. Not to minimize the trauma of those who were killed or injured, but think of it — Purdy only killed six children with that semi-AK.

True, six is too many, but think of it, only six? Tactically speaking, that's pathetic performance. Your grandmother could have done better than that in her old Buick.

Most of the people shot in the Purdy incident were only wounded, not killed because the semi-AK cartridge is less powerful than the lever action 30-30 of Old West fame.

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Don Hull
Education graduate student

Leaders shake hands, drop arms

Clinton, Yeltsin further pledge to diffuse nuclear arsenals

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin pledged Thursday to press ahead with reforms that will "make life better" for restive Russians. The two also were ready to stop aiming nuclear missiles at each other's countries.

In hours of Kremlin talk and over dinner at Yeltsin's country dacha, the two leaders agreed

that Russia could not afford to backpedal on painful economic reforms despite mounting public dissatisfaction.

The crowds loved Clinton in Moscow, surging to get close enough for a glimpse or even a handshake, cheering when he waved his fur hat in the chilly air.

"We'll work together," Clinton assured stolid Muscovites lined

up for bread in a downtown bakery. "All these folks working hard need to know that in the end they will be rewarded."

"I wish you success," one woman replied.

Welcoming Clinton to the opulent Grand Palace at the Kremlin, Yeltsin predicted the three-day summit would produce "profound," "practical" and "sweeping" results.

CENTER: ASI institutes hiring freeze after center falls \$123,000 in debt

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A debt of \$11,151 was projected for the second year.

"For the first six months of the second year, the debt should have been half of \$11,151," Towles said. "But it was \$123,000 greater than that."

Towles said original projections showed that the center should be self-supporting by 1998, but he does not anticipate that happening.

"I don't anticipate a profit from the center, even if it breaks even," he said.

As a result, ASI can not afford to fill upcoming vacant employee slots. This event marks the first time in ASI history that a hiring freeze has had to be instituted, according to ASI President Marquam Piro.

The positions of Rec Sports

administrative assistant, Information Reservations supervisor and Operating manager will end June 30.

Keeping the positions open will save "around \$100,000," Reeves said.

The only position ASI officials may recruit for is executive director — a position left open when former director Roger Conway left ASI last spring.

Reeves said the budget must be corrected or other areas of ASI will lose their subsidy money. Reeves did not specify exactly who would be affected if those cuts were made.

Refinancing a \$1 million loan taken out by ASI to build the center is one way the budget is being fixed, Towles said.

"We'll save approximately \$68,000 every year by refinanc-

ing the loan," he said. "We will lower the yearly payments and take out a 20-year loan instead of a 10-year loan — (which will) lower the interest rate from 8 percent to approximately 7.2 percent."

Hafley said raising the center's fees is not an option at this point.

"We definitely do not want to raise fees for the students," she said. "We are looking for other options."

The center currently has 137 children enrolled. Payments for a full-day include, for students:

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CALENDAR: Baker calls for decision; students told to hold referendum

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cording to Academic Senate Chair Jack Wilson. At that time, Wilson said, the final vote on the issue will come before the Senate.

Wilson said the senate members will have two resolutions presented to them at their Jan. 18 meeting. They will then have to choose between the two.

The first resolution is to make a switch to the trimester system.

That would include three 15-week semesters, 55-minute classes and two-week breaks between each trimester, Wilson said.

The second resolution, he said, would be a decision to step back from the brink of a decision and take more time to weigh options.

Wilson said part of this process might be to review curriculum.

"If curriculum drives the calendar, then let's take a closer look at the curriculum," he said.

The ASI resolution would place the student government in

support of the second resolution.

At Wednesday's meeting, several college representatives debated the topic hotly.

"ASI is the student voice," said Tony Torres, a College of Agriculture representative. Torres encouraged the board to pass the resolution.

College of Engineering representative Rob Martin and College of Business representative Michele Schiller said they didn't think enough information was available at the meeting. They spearheaded the drive to postpone a decision.

"I don't think this group is ready to vote," Martin said. "Why is (this) on the agenda?"

Schiller agreed.

"We are taking a stand on (something) we have no control over," she said. "We need to go back to our constituencies and talk it over with them."

Wilson said he hopes ASI will come to a decision on the recommendation, although he did not specify whether student opinion would sway the Academic Senate at this time.

Wilson said he personally supports the quarter system. If ASI would like to have more student interaction, he said, it should hold a campus-wide referendum.

"Unfortunately, we haven't surveyed the students," Wilson said. "We don't know how they feel."

He said from what he's heard, most students would be in favor of the current system.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob said Thursday the general feeling among administration is support for Baker and the trimester system.

"I think most of the administration accepts the leadership of the president," Koob said. "I haven't heard any strong feelings expressed to the contrary."

He said the administration does, however, feel strongly about getting a decision made as soon as possible.

"We are hoping to get it decided soon," he said. "It's really a big job (to switch systems). At any rate, I can't see it happening before 1996, no matter what."

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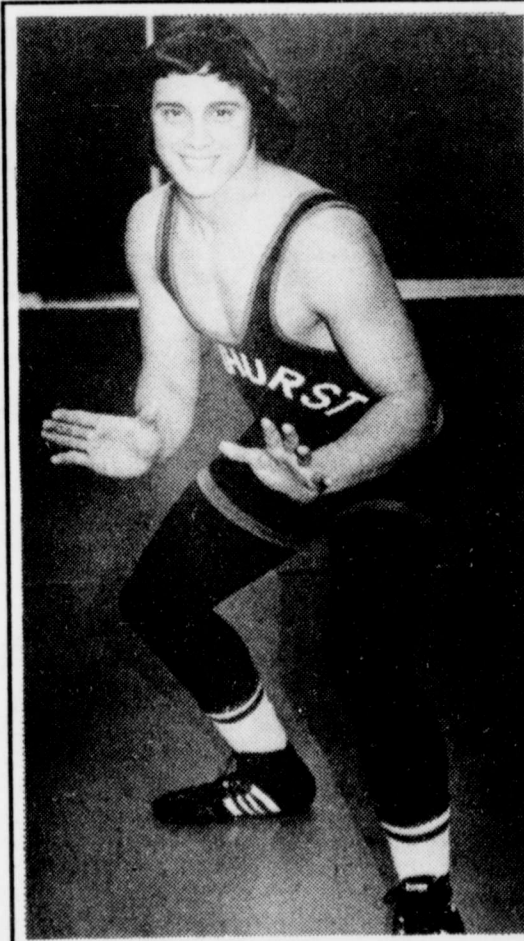
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WOMEN: Greater role for female soldiers granted by Sec. Aspin

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However, the Army and the Navy must now define which jobs will remain off-limits to women. That could mean that the services could balk at taking an expansive view of the new policy, and continue to bar women in such areas as air defense or field artillery units.

The most lethal specialties and units in the Army and the Marine Corps that are used to search and destroy the enemy — such as infantry and armor units — will not be affected by Aspin's new announcement.

Aspin gave Jan. 20 as a potential departure date when he resigned last month, but he may remain in office until his successor, retired Adm. Bobby Inman, is confirmed by the Senate.

HOOPS: Rodness red hot in second half

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the second half. "This was definitely her best shooting performance."

Rodness said she just felt good Wednesday night. "I was in the offensive flow."

So were the rest of the Mustangs, who as a team shot an impressive 54 percent (31-57) from the floor for the game to help neutralize their 32 turnovers. Cal State Stanislaus turned the ball over 14 times.

Orrock noted the team's ball handling improved in the second half and called the improvement a "ray of hope." Leaders for the Mustangs included Hoffman, who grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds for the Mustangs and scored 17 points. McCall threw in 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds.

"I think this was a great team effort," said McCall, who was also impressed by Rodness's shooting performance.

"It was good to see her great shooting again," she said.

Last Friday, Rodness was

held to just 10 points versus Sonoma State at Rohnert Park.

The second nine-point win of the season against Cal State Stanislaus was witnessed by 208 fans at Mott Gym. The Mustangs beat Cal State Stanislaus 63-54 on Dec. 18.

The Mustangs travel to Chapman College on Saturday for one warmup before next Thursday's California Collegiate Athletic Association opener against Cal State Dominguez Hills at Mott Gym.

"I finally saw some intensity in two halves tonight instead of one," Orrock said. "If we can do the same in league, we'll be OK."

Junior guard Shelby Taketa and freshman forward Katie Bauer, who are both nursing stress fractures, could return to the Mustang lineup next week, according to McCall.

McCall said the team was hoping for a top-four finish and a berth in the CCAA playoffs.

"It's going to take a lot of effort, but we feel like we can do it," she said.

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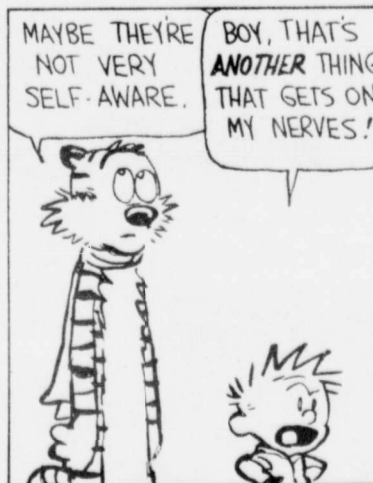
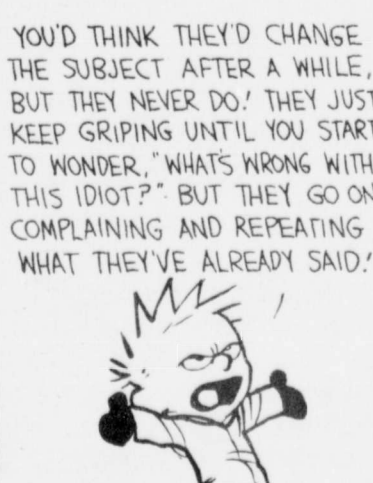
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Small survey says off with his head

By Valeska Bailey
Daily Staff Writer

Suppose it's Superbowl Sunday. Steve Young of the San Francisco 49ers takes seven-steps back into the pocket and locks eyes with wide receiver Jerry Rice.

But Los Angeles Raiders hulk Anthony Smith closes in on the quarterback. Do you hope Young zips the ball to Rice in the endzone or do you hope Smith hits Young so hard his helmet rolls off the field with his curly-haired head still in it?

To answer this burning question, *Mustang Daily* asked 15 Cal Poly students who they would want to win between the two teams.

Ten chose the 49ers as their champions.

But the far-from-scientific survey probed deeper. Some students were asked if they had ever attended a sports event or if they ever managed to slip away from classes to catch a Los Angeles Dodgers or San Jose Sharks game.

Most had never been to a football game, but the survey revealed almost everyone had been to a baseball game. And students questioned said they didn't cut classes to attend sports events.

Since San Luis Obispo is quite a distance from any pro team, the miles on the road are a menacing barrier for the biggest of sports fans.

"It's beautiful here, but it's not a very (good) place

for sports fans," explained Julie Parkhurst, an agribusiness senior.

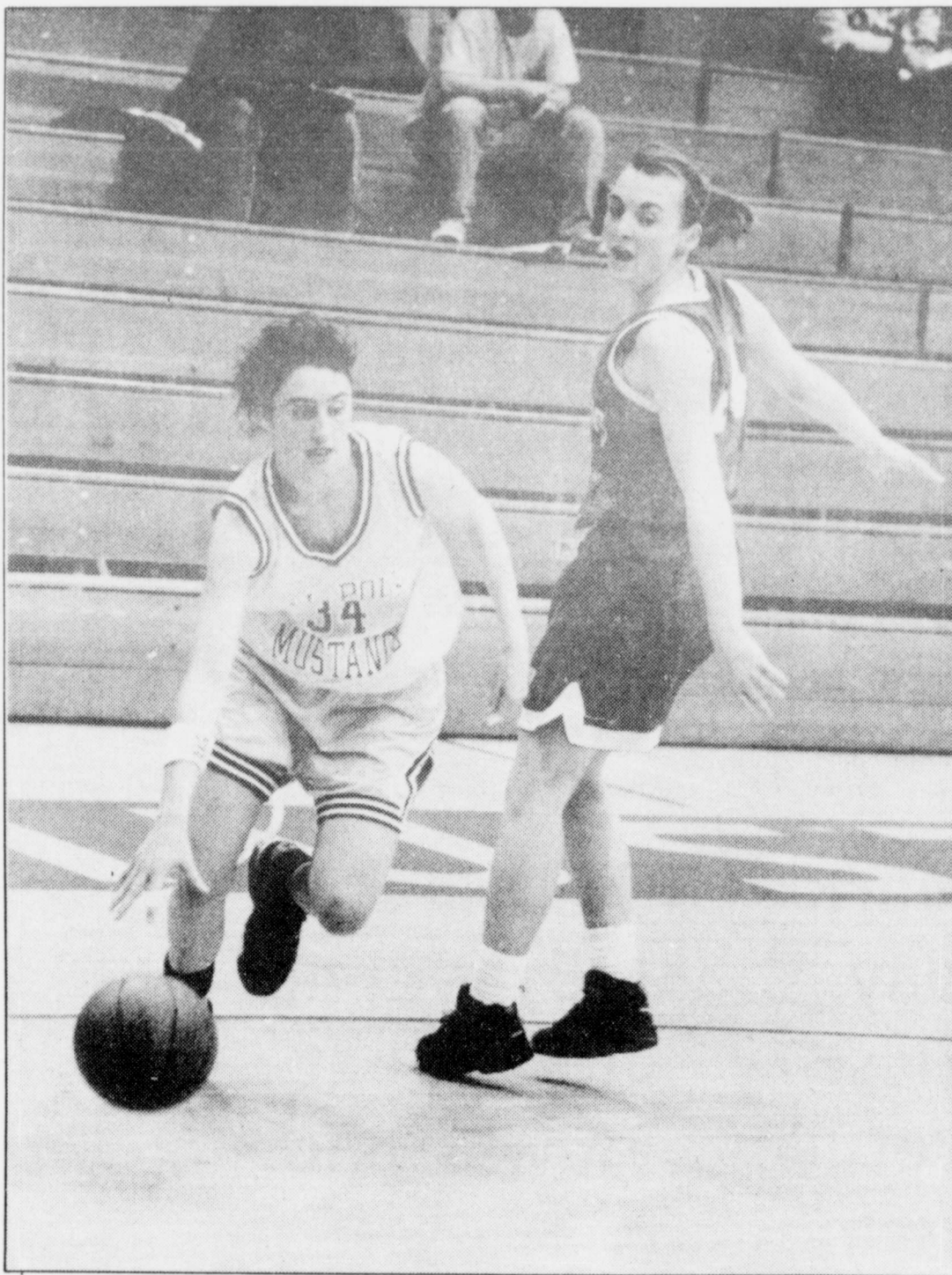
San Luis Obispo may lack the big hype for sports, but that doesn't mean people living here don't enjoy watching their favorite teams on television.

One student from the Bay Area, business senior Chris Thorson, said he doesn't feel San Luis Obispo is secluded from the sports world at all. He said San Luis Obispo residents have the sports advantage of receiving Northern and Southern California games.

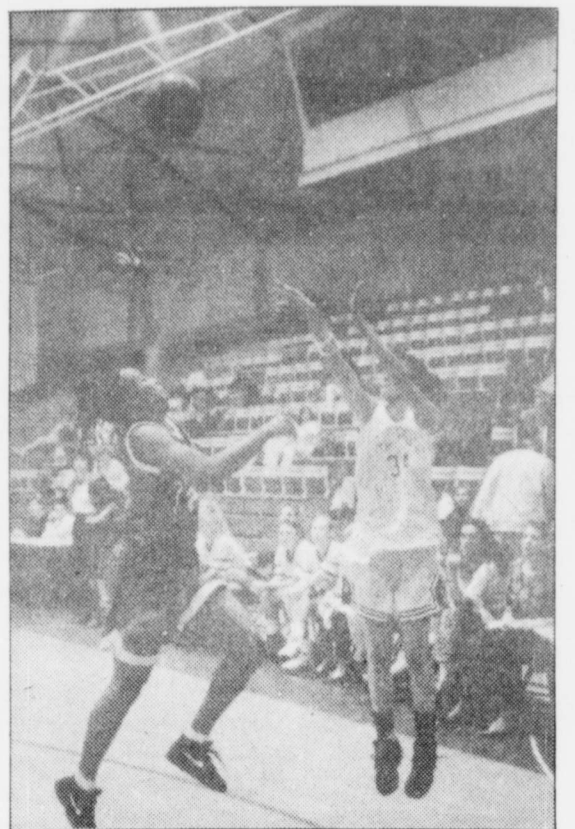
"We may even get more choices of teams to watch," Thorson said.

Another unscientific survey of 30 students revealed the teams they most often tuned their television sets into were the 49ers, Los Angeles Kings, Los Angeles Lakers and Los Angeles Dodgers. All led their fields as favorites in their respective leagues — the NFL, NHL, NBA and Major League Baseball.

The San Jose Sharks and Boston Bruins also received votes as NHL favorites, while the Oakland A's, San Francisco Giants and Atlanta Braves had a close run in Major League Baseball. In the NBA, it was the Chicago Bulls and Phoenix Suns distantly trailing the Lakers. The 49ers and Raiders topped the NFL list with the Dallas Cowboys making a presence on the list.



Sophomore guard Kellie Hoffman had a career game against Cal State Stanislaus with 26 points the first time the Mustangs beat the Warriors in December. She recorded 17 points in Wednesday's 82-73 win / Daily photos by Scott Robinson



Number Crunch

Player	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	TP
C. Rodness	11	18	4	6	34
S. Carey	2	3	0	0	4
K. McCall	5	10	5	7	15
K. Hoffman	7	14	3	3	17
M. Volk	2	6	0	1	4
T. Brokaw	1	2	0	0	2
N. Taylor	3	4	0	0	6

Totals 31 57 12 17 82
Halftime — Cal Poly 38-37. Three-point goals — Cal Poly 8-18 (Rodness 8-11, Hoffman 0-4, Volk 0-3), Cal State Stanislaus 5-18 (Bell 1-5, Hutchins 0-1, Kennedy 4-8, Wenzler 0-2, Jackson 0-2). Rebounds — Cal Poly 49 (Hoffman), Cal St. Stanislaus 37 (Wenzler 10). Assists — Cal Poly 15 (Volk 6), Cal St. Stanislaus (Kennedy and Bell 3).

Hoopster sets three-point record

By Troy Petersen
Staff Writer

Junior guard Christine Rodness found nothing but net from behind the three-point arch, a rhythm that allowed her to dance into the Cal Poly women's basketball record book.

She sunk eight three-pointers, including a 6-for-6 performance in the second half, to lead the Mustangs (5-7) to a 82-73 non-conference win over Cal State Stanislaus (5-11) Wednesday night at Mott Gym.

"She (Rodness) was the difference," said LeAnn Miller, Cal State Stanislaus head coach. "She just had a fantastic shooting night. We couldn't counter that."

Cal Poly's eight three-pointers, all by Rodness, also eclipsed the team's record of six in a game. The individual record for three-pointers coming into the night was five.

Rodness scored 34 points in all, a season high, and spearheaded the Mustang's largest offensive seasonal

output of 84 points. Rodness led the team in scoring coming into the game, averaging 18.5 points per game.

The Warriors scored the first four points of the game and grabbed what turned out to be their only lead of the night. Cal Poly quickly rebounded as Rodness scored the game's next seven points, including a steal and lay-up that resulted in a 7-4 lead.

Leading by three points with eight minutes to go in the first half, sophomore guard Kellie Hoffman scored six straight points to give Cal Poly a 27-18 lead. Cal State Stanislaus responded immediately with an 8-2 run to cut the lead to two.

Cal Poly threatened to break the game open several times, but each run of its own was answered by a Cal State Stanislaus spark.

Cal Poly held on to a slim 38-37 halftime lead due in large part to 18 Mustang turnovers. "It has just been a bone of contention for us all year," said Cal Poly Head Coach Jill Orrock about the team's 32 turnovers. "It's

something we're addressing."

Rodness said turnovers are going to come with the Mustangs' run and gun type offense.

"We're a fast breaking team and turnovers are part of that," she said.

Three Mustangs scored in double figures in the first half. Hoffman had 12 first-half points, while Rodness and senior forward Kristie McCall each collected 10.

In the second half, Rodness controlled the game. In an 11-4 Cal Poly run that began with 12 minutes to go, Rodness scored all 11 points including three three-pointers to give the Mustangs a 62-55 lead.

The pesky Warriors came right back to cut the lead to 62-60, with 8:16 to go in the game.

But the eighth Rodness three-pointer virtually ended all Warrior hopes of victory, giving the Mustangs a 78-66 lead.

"The kid was on fire," Orrock said of Rodness, who scored 24 points in

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The Scrimmage Line Classic pits this year's regular season winners against one another in a playoff shootout. After each week, the person with the worst picks is eliminated until two finalists choose the Superbowl Champion and best guesses the Superbowl score. The winner collects a special secret prize provided by Brad Hamilton himself.

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BUFFALO; cold weather.
SAN FRANCISCO; because it's SF.
HOUSTON; Coaches will beat up others if they lose.
GREEN BAY; (45 points) 14 points are an awful lot.

GEORGE RAMOS LA TIMES COLUMNIST

LA RAIDERS; May lose but will cover spread.
NY GIANTS; I didn't leave heart in SF.
HOUSTON; Ryan by a knockout.
DALLAS; (45 points) How 'bot them Cowboys.

Top preseason ranking has rugby poised for territory championship

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly's Rugby Club knocked on the door to a Pacific Coast Collegiate Championship in 1992 and 1993. This year, the club plans to use the muscle they received from being voted second in their division to knock that door down.

Both years, Cal Poly had its hopes of a championship thwarted and were forced to settle for fifth in the nation because of its Northern California nemesis — Cal Berkeley. The Bears, a varsity program, are two-time defending national champions.

"We've worked hard for this (top ranking in Southern California), so it is due," said hooker/flanker Mike Gossett. "The rankings have given us a lot of motivation."

Cal Poly's second ranking in the Pacific Coast Territory, one of four divisions in the United States Rugby Football Union (USRFU), marks the highest preseason ranking the club has ever landed.

Better than that, Cal Poly has been dubbed the top-ranked team in their league, the Southern California Rugby Football League.

Last year Cal Poly shared a league title with San Diego State last year, but hogged up the top spot the previous four years.

Cal Poly also takes to the field against teams such as UC-Santa Barbara, Cal State Long Beach, UCLA, University of Arizona and Arizona State.

Saturday at 1 p.m. Cal Poly bangs heads with Stanford, a long-time rival. The club's home opener takes place at Biddle Park.

The rugby club is led by fifth-year halfback Chris Hay and halfback Chuck Templeton, also team captain.

MUSTANG SCHEDULE

WRESTLING

9 a.m. Friday/Saturday
Virginia Duaks at Hampton, Va.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S
7:30 p.m. Saturday at Pomona

SWIMMING

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S
3 p.m. Friday at UC-Davis

12 p.m. Saturday at UC-Santa Cruz